

Appl. No. 10/719,172
Amdt. dated April 14, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings following page 9 include changes to Figures 1 and 3.

The first sheet, which includes FIG. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. FIG. 1 is amended to include the legend, "PRIOR ART."

The second sheet, which includes FIG. 3, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 3. FIG. 3 is amended to show the mastic layer 120 above the facing 104. Also, FIG. 3 is corrected to show the hidden portion of the top edge of the product as a dashed line (instead of solid), and to remove reference numeral 114, which is not referenced in the text.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy shown their attorney in an interview with the Examiner on April 12, 2005. During the interview, it was agreed that method claims 1-11 are allowable. It was agreed that the application could be placed in condition for allowance if claims 12 and 13 were canceled, and claim 14 is rewritten to claim a product formed by the method of claim 1. New claim 23 was discussed. It was agreed that claim 23 should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. It was further agreed that FIG. 1 would be amended to include the legend, "PRIOR ART," and FIG. 3 would be amended to show the mastic 120.

Applicants have canceled claims 12-13 and have amended claim 14 as discussed. New claim 22 includes the elements of original claim 14 that are not included in claim 1. New claim 23 is added. Claim 23 is similar to claim 1, except that the step of "laminating a reinforcement fabric to a fibrous insulation board using an adhesive material" is replaced by a step of "providing a fibrous insulation board having a reinforcement fabric laminated thereto using an adhesive material." Applicants submit that in view of the inclusion of the "providing step", the "laminating step" is not required for the patentability of the combination of elements in claim 23. Allowance of claim 23 is respectfully requested. Claims 2 and 3 are amended to depend on claim 23, instead of claim 1. Allowance of claims 2 and 3 (and the claims dependent thereon) is respectfully requested, for at least the same reasons as claim 23.

FIG. 1 is amended to include the legend, "PRIOR ART." FIG. 3 is amended to show the mastic layer 120 above the facing 104. Support for the amendment is provided at paragraph [0028]. Also, FIG. 3 is corrected to show the hidden portion of the top edge of the product as a dashed line, and to remove reference numeral 114, which is not referenced in the text.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: 2 replacement sheets of drawings

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